several fatal labour cases, it is also prayed that a midwife be appointed for Anavatti.

Reply of Government.—This is a matter for the District Board who are of opinion that they are unable to provide funds at present for the work.

SUBJECT No. 243.

An anicut across the Kumadvati river near Anjanapur.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the work would irrigate lands of 30 or 40 villages and as there is likely to be an increase of annual assessment of Rs. 10,000, it is prayed that the work may be sanctioned early as the question has been pending for several years.

Reply of Government.—Under investigation.

SUBJECT No. 244.

The Hindu girls' school at Shikarpur.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) The efficient condition in which this school is maintained has been brought to the notice of several officers of the Government. Public subscriptions do not suffice for the maintenance of the school in an efficient condition in future as highly paid teachers have to be entertained and some articles necessary for the school have to be purchased. It is therefore prayed that the institution may be taken under Government management.

(*b*) The present school building belongs to Government. Its convenient situation in the middle of the town enables girls from all parts of the town to assemble. In order to hold the school permanently in this building, it is prayed that some repairs may be executed by Government.

Dewan.—Private effort will be stifled if Government take over the school.

Reply of Government.—Government are not in favour of the proposal.

SUBJECT No. 245.

Hulbanni in the State Forests in the Shikarpur taluk.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—*Hulbanni* has been raised to annas four and eight per head of cattle in the State Forests of Chandrakal, Gangavanasara and Kardibetta. On account of incapacity to pay such high rates, the raiyats have been put to very great hardship and the rank growth of grass has been a source of danger to valuable forest during summer. It is therefore prayed that the *Hulbanni* in all the State Forests may be reduced to one and two annas per head of cattle.

Reply of Government.—Will be considered.

SUBJECT No. 246.

Grant of *Honne* timber from the State and District Forests for Agricultural implements in the Shikarpur taluk.

Mr. Bhavani Rao, Shikarpur taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As *Honne* wood is very necessary for agricultural implements in this taluk, and other kinds of wood are not useful for the purpose, it is prayed that it may be granted from the District and State Forests on *Mafi* license to the raiyats here.

Reply of Government.—Will be noted for favourable consideration.